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Bills put bite on students

By MILES GRANDFIELD
Special to the Star

After years of budget cuts, reduced class offerings and deteriorating facilities, more trying times are ahead for Los Angeles Valley College within the California community college system, according to *Star* sources.

The state's multi-billion dollar deficit has spurred its lawmakers to look wherever they can to cut expenditures and generate funds. Education is a prime target. The California State Assembly is considering several bills that would directly affect LAVC students:

- One bill, introduced by state Assemblyman Robert Campbell, (D-Richmond), would charge a mandatory fee of $50 per unit for any student who already holds a bachelor's degree. It would exempt displaced workers and general aid recipients.

So far the bill has been approved by the Assembly Committee on Higher Education as well as the committee on Ways and Means. If it passes, college graduates who wish to return to a community college to update their training or pursue a new vocation would be required to pay more than the rate now charged by California State Universities.

- Another bill in committee would permit students who fulfill entrance requirements for UC and CSU, but who cannot be admitted because of enrollment caps, to attend a community college and be guaranteed of enrollment in the higher institution after two years. This could make transfer to UC and CSU more difficult for students who use the community college system as a stepping stone because of financial or academic considerations.
- The "May Revise" of the state economic projections published by the Department of Finance states California's K-14 school budget was $2 billion above the minimum guaranteed by Proposition 98, and recommends that the money be taken out of education. This would ultimately mean a reduction of about $200 million to the state's community colleges and $1 million to LAVC.
- Although there have been no bills introduced as yet, it is rumored that in an attempt to come up with more funds, the Assembly will soon be considering a bill which would raise community college tuition rates to $12 per unit with no maximum. A student carrying 15 units would pay three times the present amount per semester.
- Beginning with the spring semester of 1993, LAVC students will be required to pay a health services fee of $7.50 per semester and each college will be required to provide such services.

Sources: Tyree Wieder, Academic Affairs, LAVC; Elaine Cary, State Chancellor's Office; Martin Hittelman, Community College Council, AFT.

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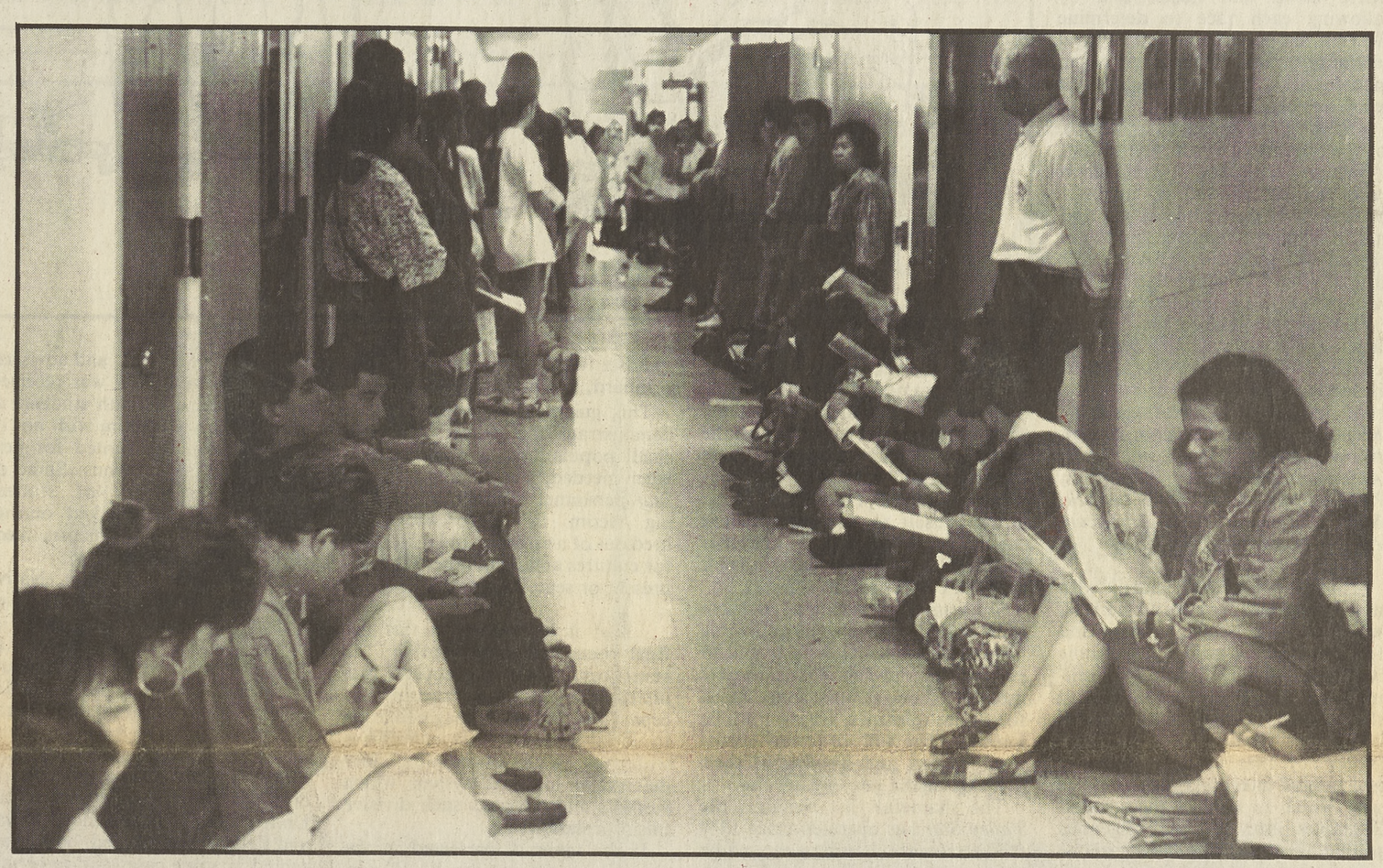


SANDRA CHAVIRA / Valley Star

WAITING IT OUT— New students endure long lines in the hopes of obtaining needed summer school classes. Applications began May 18 and continue through June 24. Continuing students may pick up registration appointments beginning June 25.

Hernandez emerges ASU victor

By MILES GRANDFIELD
Special to the Star

Two weeks after campus elections were suspended to investigate charges of campaign violations, students returned to the polls last week and elected Jesse Hernandez to a one-year term as president of the Associated Student Union in a close two-man race.

Originally scheduled to be held on May 6-9, the elections were postponed after the first day of balloting when complaints were lodged by presidential candidate Tom Jugueta and others, that voters were being solicited within 100 feet of the polling station, and that a number of the candidates were not current members of the ASU, which violated ASU constitution rules.

According to the commissioner of elections, Sean Imler, the election was rescheduled to give candidates a chance to pay the $7 membership fee and to make sure that everyone was informed of ASU campaign regulations.

"We had to reschedule to make sure that no one had any problems with the way the election was run," Imler said after the results were announced on Tuesday. "There were no complaints this time," he added.

During the two-week postponement, five of the original 17 candidates decided not to run, leaving all but two of the student council positions uncontested, and 11 of the 21 available seats without any candidate at all. The most important position left unfilled is treasurer, according to Hernandez.

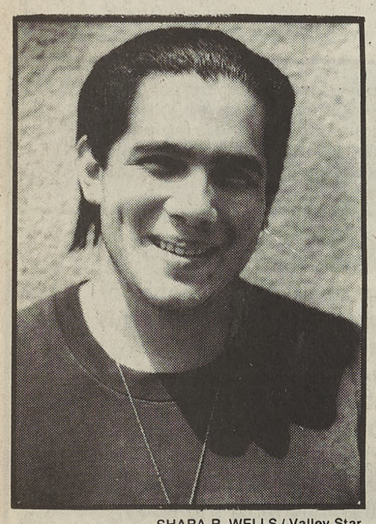
Besides Hernandez, the nine other elected members of the council are as follows: Ben Padua, vice-president; Julian Oscar, fine arts, (the other contested seat); Marie Val, scholastic activities; Carlos Cueva, athletics; Fabiola Torres, chicano studies; Tracy D. Hart, gay and lesbian concerns; and Colette Grigsby, women's concerns.

Hernandez has been a student at Valley a year and a half. He was ASU vice-president during the past year, has been commissioner of public relations and was active in the campus chicano club MEChA. He is also a member of the Valley water polo team.

Hernandez said his academic goal is to receive a master's degree in biology and/or Spanish and teach at the high school or college level. He credits his experience at Valley for fostering his scholastic ambitions.

Among the programs he looks forward to during the coming year are the implementation of 15 $100 student scholarships, more off-campus discounts for Valley students at stores and restaurants, the organization of an AIDS benefit dance, and the offering of more student services on campus.

"Last year was very positive," Hernandez said. "I want to surpass those successes this year."



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Jesse Hernandez

Hauck zeros in on trustee post

By JENNIFER CASE
Special to the Star

Crossing the bridge from student government to the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees, current ASU President, Erica Hauck, hopes that students will follow her there.

Since high school she has always played an active role in bridging the long standing gap between administrators and students and hopes she can continue that trend.

On June 3, she will be sworn in as the new student trustee and will represent over 109,824 students. "I believe students should be heard. I believe students should have an equal voice," Hauck said. "I always wanted to be one of the people to speak up."

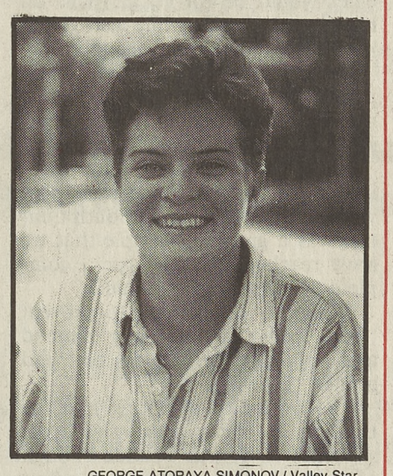
Hauck hopes to get more students involved, and help them understand some of the problems facing the district. "I want to see the students and the district pull together and work as a team," Hauck said.

"On my way to my trustee interview, I saw a bumper sticker that inspired me, 'If the people lead, then the leaders will follow,' it said. I translated that to say 'If the students lead, then the district will follow,' " she said.

Hauck stated that her goal is not to take over but to be a participant and her experiences in student government have made her a stronger leader which will help her in her new position.

"I have learned from my own mistakes. I've learned about students, the thinking processes we have, why we think the way we do about our governing bodies."

Hauck puts a lot of the blame on the state funding cuts, "I wonder how they (the board) can possibly function; When we sit on broken chairs, and hear about their nice offices students get a little resentful. We have a right to feel that way. I don't think any student should have to sit on a broken chair," she said.



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Erica L. Hauck

Yet she hopes to maintain continuity during the transition from the previous student trustee's term to hers. "I plan to be sensitive to students needs, but I think the styles have been different with the last three trustees. I'm not looking to tell anyone how to do their job; I'm not looking to change the district," she said.

For the most part Hauck says she feels prepared for the position. With issues such as health care centers and food service on the agenda, Hauck is looking forward to the challenge.

"She (Hauck) doesn't have her own agenda. She is interested in being available for the students," Dr. Mary Lee, president of administration, said.

Hauck says she is ready to take the challenge. "I'm happier than I have ever been. I'm doing something I believe in," she said.

Villa catches *Star*

By SUSAN M. TYRRELL
and JENNIFER CASE
Special to the Star

Anna L. Villa will never be called a quitter. After a semester of sitting on the sidelines, Villa decided to reapply for the job she sought five months ago. This time she received overwhelming support.

Villa was unanimously voted as the new Editor-in-Chief of the *Valley Star* last week by the Journalism department faculty board which included student board member, Dora Roman, a former editor of the *Star*.

"Anna has considerable experience," said Professor Roger Graham, chairperson of the Journalism, Photography and Media Arts Department. "I am expecting an excellent publication from her and her staff."

"I think the biggest challenge is getting the paper back to a respectable level," Villa said. "We have a lot of the returning staff and they're eager to learn and there are people willing to teach them."

Journalism has been a focus in her life since high school, where she was the editor of her school newspaper. She's been involved in journalism at Valley since the fall 1990 semester.

By the next spring, she was the sports editor and remained as a page editor through last fall.

Villa hopes to add amiability among her staff.

"That's what I like about myself, I can bring that out in people because I focus on their positive aspects."

Chris Sharpe, view editor, has remained on the *Star* staff through the tumultous semester, as well as having worked with Villa in past semesters.

"I have nothing but respect for Anna," Sharpe said. "I feel she's the best person for the position and I will do my best to support any endeveaor she undertakes."

Nancy Vigran, photo editor and acting Editor-in-Chief for the last three weeks, echoed Sharpe.

"Anna will be an outstanding EIC," Vigran said. "She is well-qualified, talented and dilligent."

Villa has many goals for the *Star*. She plans to modernize the style, as well as smooth the production process which she said is important for a reputable and accurate newspaper.

Villa hopes to get a B.A. in English after transferring to an east coast college. Eventually, she'd like to work on an investigative television news show like *Prime-Time Live*.

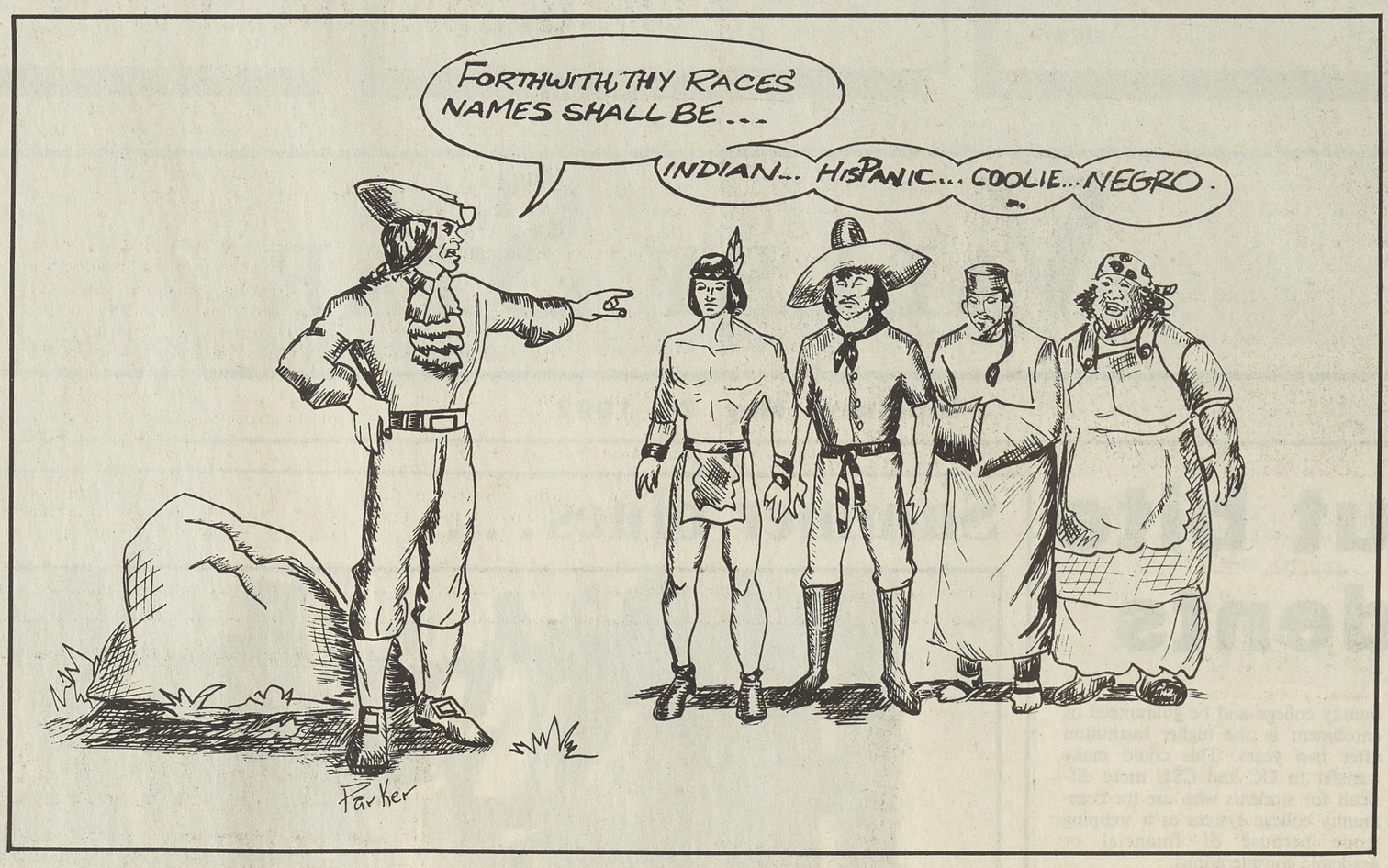
"I'm just happy to be back," Villa said. "This is my life. I live for the pressure of deadlines and the relationships built working on a late night edition."

CORKY HIGGINS / Valley Star

Anna L. Villa

Wanted: Self-defined identities

By ISMAIL SHABAZZ
Staff Writer



Since the mid-1400s, Caucasian scholars, non-scholars, religious men and racists alike have renamed each nation and race in the Western hemisphere. But today, 500-plus years after the start of that cloaking process, the Indigenous and forced inhabitants of these lands, who are the primary victims of these people, have begun insisting that their true identities and names be used.

Media defaults in its clarification duty, increasing rather than decreasing confusion in this delicate matter. This fact is made manifest by reading LAVC's *Valley Star* newspaper, where a multitude of titles and labels can be found throughout the paper in any given issue to describe any single race. There is no doubt that by removing these labels and names and by allowing each race to determine what it should be referred to, and updating these references when necessary, the best understanding of each one can arise.

The question was asked in May by police beating victim Rodney King, "Can we get along?" Until each race can be allowed to honestly perceive the other for what it is and not for what it is made or said to be, the answer according to America's dismal record of race relations is a resounding and emphatic "no."

Through refusal to inquire and lack of research by staff writers and editors of the *Valley Star* newspaper, all in this college who read it have seen these spellings: *Hispanic, Latino, Chicano, Brown, brown; Native American, native American, Indigenous, indigenous, Indian, Red, red; Black, black, Black American, black American, African-American, African.*

This article deals mostly with non-immigrants to the Americas, who have been named, renamed and forced to accept names from some well-meaning and some not-so-well-meaning people who have crushed the Indigenous and stolen African populaces beneath a pseudo-supremacy that utilizes confusion and twisted interpretations as a vise with which to control these races. Examples are: 1) the Indigenous people were fearsome barbarians: they had to be conquered; 2) the Africans were cannibalistic savages: enslavement civilized them.

LAVC's weekly publication has no race name stylebook (guideline), but that does not justify its use of incorrect names. It would benefit *Star* staff and journalism department personnel to capitulate to the spelling requests of these three ethnic groups from its diverse non-white population, rather than taking it upon itself to determine whom should be called what, how that spelling should occur, and leaving political correctness to chance.

Students and members of these races at LAVC have come under one banner to hammer out facts and to present them to LAVC's *Star* staff members and campus population for future reference, letting truth be known: **They will no longer accept the branding and labeling of their races by media nor anyone else.**

The shameful fact remains: the *Valley Star* has operated since 1948 (44 years) without using a race name guide, not pressing the need for such a reference because apparently as long as those who are disrespected do not seek change, the establishment is allowed to rest in a stagnant mindset which has led to a sub-standard, low quality publication.

This guide is not necessarily to demonstrate the power of these small populations to make change when needed, but to assist future *Star* personnel members from falling victim to unprofessionalism bred out of arrogance and disrespect for cultures and races other than the present or seated majority.

Let it be known in this the final issue for the Spring '92 semester, that detected but unabated subliminal racism accepted and further propagated leads to social upheaval that culminates with the total dismantling and destruction of that system which sustains and tolerates such divisive misinformation.

If the material presented in the *Star* is correct, so be it. If not, responsiblity for the reaction(s) generated by this obvious lack of sincere research on behalf of the newspaper's staff rest solely in the hands of the *Star* staff and advisers.

The following data was received through interviews with students at LAVC, many of whom wish not to have their names printed for personal and safety reasons. Some of them are members of student unions, most were asked on-the-spot for their opinions (names liked, disliked and preferred).

It is found that most Native Americans prefer said title with native capitalized. Indigenous is also acceptable and capitalized as these terms, Native and Indigenous, are used as proper nouns. An Indigenous population exists from the Aleutian Islands of Alaska to Cabo de Hornos, South America, and every city in between. Not all Indigenous peoples are native to the United States of America. Indian and Red are not favored, but are accepted in some cases and in certain references.

Although Chicano and Latino students are of the same people, Chicanos are American-born descendants of Mexicans and most prefer the term Chicano, but during undistinguishable circumstances Latino is acceptable. Some Latinos presently don't like the term Chicano as it has been affixed to describe Latino "gang" members (Cholos) by the media.

Latinos are generally peoples of Central and South American origin, except Blacks; most islanders also accept Latino. Though some Chicanos and Latinos use Hispanic, it too is of the subject's choosing and should be used only by Latinos and Chicanos in self-reference. Brown is basically a Chicano term equated with Black and Red; it should be capitalized and left to the subject's discretion.

Black is used as a proper noun. It must be capitalized. Black is preferred by most members of this race because it prevents division between American Blacks and non-American Blacks in this country and the world over. Black American is subjective and must describe a Black person born in America.

African-American is also the subjects's choice because not all Blacks in America are native born; some simply do not wish to be called by names derived from those of European (Italian) explorers (Africa—Leo Africannus; America—Amerigo Vespucci 1454-1512). Black is preferred by most native born Africans residing in America.

Again, all names are subjective and no one should be made out by media to be other than they actually are. No generalizations should be made. Thorough investigative work must be done. It is justifiable that if a person is seen committing a crime, it would be foolish of the reporter to attempt a verbal encounter with such an individual. The best attempted description in this case should be given and is understood.

This is written on behalf of those students who desire clarification and dislike generalization; those who support the *Star* and can appreciate the honest attempts at professionalism by college students. MEChA member Lucy Garcia sums it up, "You can't umbrella a whole people."

Six hundred years ago, there were no African-Americans, no Chicanos, no Indians, only indigenous peoples in their respective lands. It's safe to say that these titles originated in the minds of those who needed to divorce the rich histories of these three peoples from them in order to subjugate them. The Black, the Brown and the Red are, despite that fact, on the straight path at LAVC to reclaiming their buried legacies and the *Star* is obligated to either assist in their efforts or will be made to desist in its denial objective by students who will neither read nor voluntarily contribute to the paper.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Valley Star *as well as other publications are in state of constant change. As usage of words and names are part of that change, we try to reflect them in our publications. However, most changes are never rapid and/or apparent on a day to day basis. Because of this, there is ongoing confusion and disagreement on the part of people trying to make such definitions. The* Star *uses the Associated Press Style Guide which makes such changes annually.*

Proposition F

Pro: Open door for change

By JENNIFER CASE
Special to the Star

After the fires stopped burning and the looters were done appraising their haul, many bitter realities lingered on with the smoke.

Through the chaos came a realization that we needed to ask questions. We needed to question authority, if we hadn't already. People wondered why and how the police lost control in the very time when they should've had the most control.

The department was falling apart and the people were watching.

What they saw, prompted reformers to get Charter Amendment F placed on the ballot, an amendment which would impose term limits on the police chief.

The chief would be limited to two consecutive five year terms, while also leaving the possibility for his removal under the mayor's discretion.

Charter opposers say that the limit is just a way for politicians to gain control of the LAPD. Giving the mayor final say, they argue, invites corruption.

However, the King beating was one very graphic example of why we should never be caught with our hands tied again.

If the measure was in effect at the time of the King beating, the mayor could have legal recourse to remove Gates from office. As it stands now, civil service guidelines blindly insure a chief's position— no matter what.

That, not the mayor having final say, leaves the door open for corruption.

In any job, there needs to be accountability. When an employee makes a mistake, she must take responsibility. In the chief's position with a job for life, he knows he can screw up and there's not much anyone can really do about it.

With Charter F in effect combined with strong public scrutiny and mayoral guidance, the chief would be forced to stay on his toes. No slacking off would be tolerated.

Bringing in a new chief every 10 years would also bring in fresh ideas and programs. With a set term, the chief would be forced to focus on his city-wide goals while also giving him a limit to achieve them.

Before the beating, how many people knew who Gates was? How many goals for the city did he have? And just how many did he achieve?

While everyone in the department isn't to blame, the department as a whole is. The violence in South Central was a graphic example that we have reached the time for a complete departmental overhaul.

Doing so would help to prevent "bad seeds" from being planted and reducing the chances of "bad apples" growing.

The rioting, the looting and the burning did show how volatile the situation is. It was volatile enough to throw L.A.'s collective mindless apathy to the wind. Something made people feel strongly enough to stand up and be heard.

The people opened the door for change, and to close the door now is to slam the door on the people.

And the people have spoken.

On June 2, let the people have their justice.

Con: Chief needs security

By ANDY FISHMAN
Opinion Editor

In order for Los Angeles and its residents to be able to sleep peacefully at night, Proposition F must be defeated.

This measure, placed on the June 2 ballot, calls for major reforms in our police department, in effect putting the department into the hands of politicians.

Some of the changes that would take place include: limiting the police chief to only two consecutive five-year terms (as opposed to the unlimited term that Chief Daryl Gates and all previous chiefs have enjoyed); creating an independent staff to improve the ability of the Police Commission to oversee the LAPD and review citizen complaints; and implementing a supposed stronger system of checks and balances in the selection and removal of police chiefs.

The very idea of placing the final decision of who is going to be police chief in the hands of the mayor or any other elected official is ludicrous. How is the public to know if the man or woman picked is really qualified or just a puppet whose strings are being pulled by the mayor?

In order for Willie Williams, the chief of police designate, or any other new police chief for that matter, to do his job effectively, he has to know that he has job security, and will be able to carry out whatever plan that he has in mind for the city.

But with the ability of the mayor to remove the chief from office at any given time, the chief then has to make sure that whatever he decides to do is also on the agenda of that particular mayor.

If a decision is made and it is not a popular one with that mayor, the mayor can then remove that chief and replace him with one who will comply more with whatever that mayor has in mind.

Knowing that the impending doom is always lurking over his shoulder will make a tough job even tougher. Shouldn't the chief have the right to be his own man and make his own job decisions, whether they be good or bad? If, after all is said and done, the decision turns out to be a detriment rather than a help, then and only then should the chief be held accountable.

Do they actually think that the voting public in Los Angeles is gullible enough to think that the police department is entirely to blame for all the problems that infest this city?

It is quite apparent that this city's growing problems of gangs, drugs, school over-crowding and violent crimes go much deeper than just the LAPD. The rioting, looting and burning that went on only go to show just how deep and volatile this situation is.

No one is saying that the LAPD is free of problems; far from it. However the problems within the department do not come from the majority, but from a selected few "bad apples." These "bad apples" need to be plucked out, but this should not happen by overhauling the entire system. It should be done by being more scrutinizing and selective in the process of deciding on police academy candidates and by utilizing the Internal Affairs division to its fullest extent to rid the department of these blemishes.

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The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented to the Valley Star office, Bungalow 25, by Monday for the following Thursday.

SHARYN CADIA / Valley Star

Sing along — Barbara Sklar-Danon, lead teacher of Valley's Child Development Center, founds the love music in the hearts of her students by playing the guitar and encouraging them to sing along.

Lack of funds leaves summer child care on cutting board

By SARY FORNARIS
Staff Writer

Work overload and understaffing at the Department of Education will prevent the LAVC Child Development Center from having a child care summer program this year.

Larry Merkle, acting director of the center, had made plans for a summer program last April after the center applied for funding and the federal government had made some "new monies" available for extended child services.

However, although LAVC turned in its application for the Federal Block Grant (which would provide monies for the summer program) within the January 1991 deadline, no answer has been received to date, and LAVC still lacks funding.

Merkle said he can't remember the last time the center had a summer program since it was discontinued about ten years ago because of budget cuts.

Francis Louie, child development consultant at the Department of Education in Sacramento, explained that his department received 600 applications for the grant but not all qualifying applicants (LAVC among them) made it to step two, the most important part of the process, where the amount to be granted to each child care center is negotiated.

"Some centers in Los Angeles were advised of the amount granted in March." Louie said, "The money (not used this year) will be rolled over to next year.

"This is a year-to-year contract with the successful agencies," Louie said."We had other programs (to take care of); We are under staffed and this is not a new situation. The field-readers did not have time to be doing the negotiations," he said.

For the fall semester, Merkle urges all student-parents who need the services of the center to apply early since there is always a long waiting list.

For information call:
(818) 988-8570

News Briefs

Summer/Fall admissions

Applications for summer school will be accepted through June 24. Summer appointments for continuing students will be available on June 1 at the information desk in the Admissions office.

Summer in-person registration will begin June 25, continuing students will receive priority appointments for June 25 and 26. Please bring registration fee receipts to facilitate receiving appointments.

Fall 1992 applications for all new students are now being accepted. Registration packets for fall have been mailed to continuing students, those who did not receive a packet may pick up a duplicate in the Admissions office no sooner than June 8.

Fall '92 mail-in registration packets can be turned in to the mail box located on the Information Counter in the Administration Building through July 24.

Instructional T.V.

Enrollment for Summer 1992 Instructional Television courses are now open, Open House will be on June 20. Fees are $6 per unit and courses will run from June 22 to August 2. Applications are now available, call (213) 666-4488 or (818) 901-8935.

Longer library hours

The library will be extending its hours during finals week to include the weekends of May 30/31 and June 6/7.

Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Funds for these special hours are provided by the Associated Student Union.

Commencement news

The commencement ceremony will be on June 11 at 6:30 in Monarch Stadium.

Tickets for the commencement breakfast are now available at the Business office during the day and at the Bookstore in the evenings.

The breakfast will be on June 11 at 9 a.m. in Monarch Hall. Tickets cost $5 and should be acquired in advance.

Graduation photo tickets are now also available through the Business office.

Graduation gowns are being sold at the Bookstore for $15.25 and include cap, and collar (for ladies). Tassels are $2.50.

Athletic scholarship

Tomorrow is the deadline for the Susan Trucillo Memorial Scholarship offered to outstanding female athletes at Valley.

The scholarship awards $500 to students who exemplified "the positive virtues of good sportsmanship and athletic ability."

Applications are available in the Women's P.E. Office.

Environmental reminder

Valley Green urges readers to recycle or reuse newspapers by returning them to the rack or passing them on. Making a ton of paper from waste paper saves 17 trees.

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4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
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6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
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Understanding suicide

Someone saved my life tonight

*"No longer do young people need to rely on others as a power greater than themselves. May they, instead, find here a new strength within to be that which God intended— **PRECIOUS** and **FREE.**"*

Christopher D. Sharpe

In an attempt to turn civilization, as we know it, on its ear, an organization has been established to allow the young adults of society to band together and work out their problems. Through this process, a new generation will be raised in education, learning to respect, understand and come to terms with themselves as unique individuals.

With this movement will come the creation of a society based on the understanding of peoples, not on the premise that individuality is unsavory and monetary gains and exploitations are the only true paths for society as a whole.

Students Over Suicide Kinship (SOS) is the one, and only, organization which has the vision to see that as our youth progress or digress, so does society.

The prime directive of SOS is to educate the world population in the steps needed to prevent a child or teenager from contemplating, attempting, or committing the act of suicide. The sole purpose of SOS is to help these young adults step back, see beyond the moment of pain and confusion, and assist them down the path of recovery.

SOS will undertake the task of educating adults on the issue of teen suicide. Through various programs, these adults will learn how to:

- Develop a task force on suicide for each school district.
- Conduct parent and staff awareness workshops. These workshops will deal with concerns of parents and staff, giving information on students at risk and the resulting stress applied to these students and their parents.
- Teach students to help themselves, thereby enabling them to help others. In a pilot program of peer counseling, students reported that over one hundred suicide attempts were prevented.
- Implement a group recovery program, similar to a 12 step program, in every school district and school throughout the country, throughout the world. This will cover issues involving the selection of adequate teachers, appropriate courses, legal issues, and the steps to take should a suicide take place at school.

In a society overflowing with an abundance of wealth , in excess of 8000 young people commit suicide on a yearly basis. Think of it in terms of 25 teenagers a day, one teenager per hour. These figures don't take into account the 500,000 young adults who are treated for suicide attempt.

In a society which has so much to give, there is no quarter for despair, abandonment, conflicting peer and parental pressure, lack of self esteem and self worth, and lack of any hope or active interest in their future by our country's young adults.

In a society which has become obsessed with preserving the environment, there are few endeavers that offer the opportunity to help save young lives. SOS is one of those few, attempting to create a new base, a new foundation, for a misdirected society; a foundation based upon saving our natural resources, lives of young people.

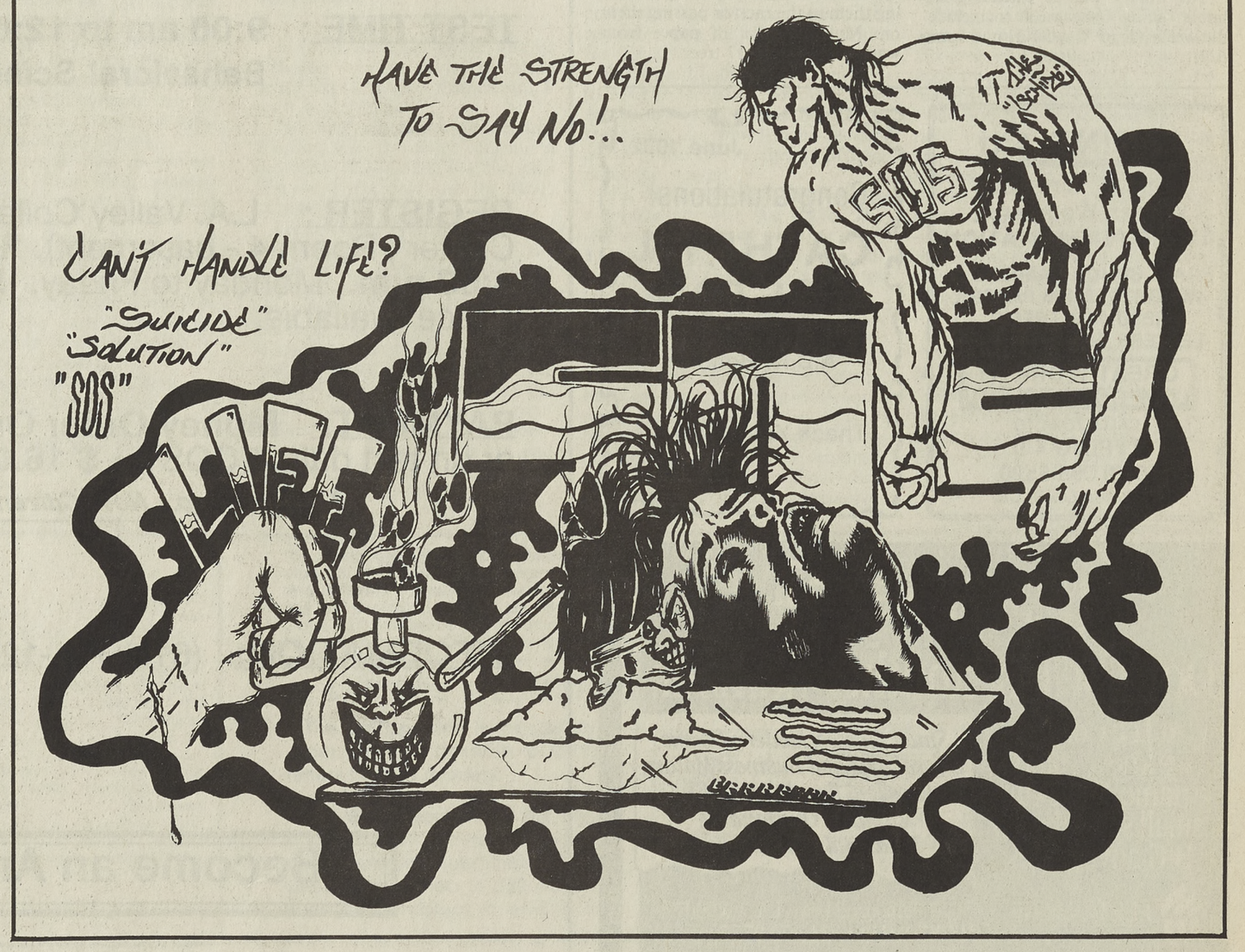
There are a number of actions that we, as ordinary people, can do to improve the emotional well-being of young people.

We can help young people develop a sense of identity by subjecting them to smaller, more intimate, school and social settings.

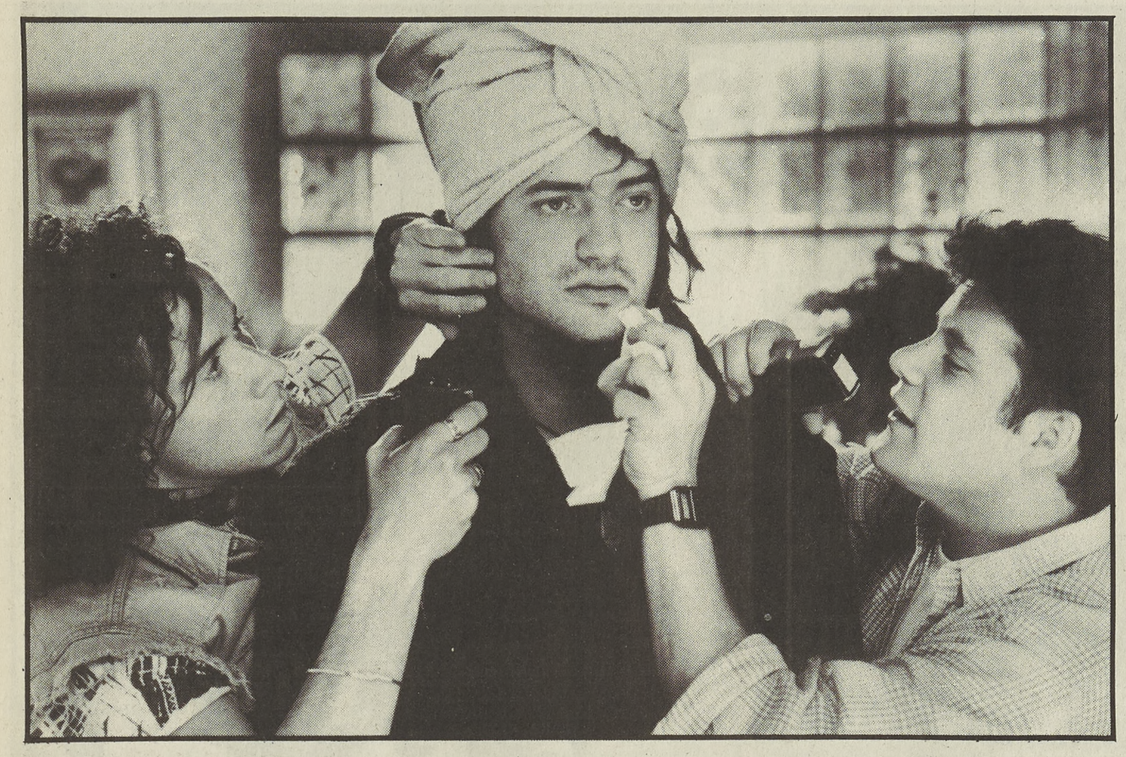
We can help young people, when we sense they are troubled, by being supportive and by trying to recognize what their needs may be. Most importantly is the need to express concern.

We can help young people if we suspect they are suicidal by getting them professional help as quickly as possible. At this point, there is no substitute for professional help.

We can help young people by continuously pointing out to them that no matter how traumatic their past or despairing their present may seem, there is hope for a new day in the program of *Students Over Suicide Kinship*. No longer do young people need to rely on others as a power greater than themselves. May they, instead, find here a new strength within to be that which God intended - PRECIOUS and FREE.



Stone age rocks Encino



HEY BUUUUDY— Stoney (Pauly Shore, left) and Dave Morgan (Sean Astin, right) prepare the once frozen caveman, Link (Brendan Fraser, center) for coolness, dude!

By KEVIN BOLT
Assoc. Sports Editor

Stone age meets the rock age, in *Encino Man*, the latest movie release from Hollywood pictures.

Two high school outcasts, Dave (Sean Astin) and his best bud Stoney (MTV star Pauly Shore), dream of hosting the ultimate post-prom party at Dave's house so he can win the attention of high school hearthrob Robyn (Megan Ward).

But what would a party be without a pool? So Dave thinks he is going to dig himself a pool in his backyard, and mid-way through this ingenious project he hits a chunck of ice that reveals a perfectly preserved prehistoric person.

Suddenly, the guys think their social acceptance on campus will take a quantum leap forward. The caveman, affectionately dubbed "Link" (Brendan Fraser), thaws out and innocently turns everyday life upside down in upscale Encino. As the story unfolds and progresses, the trio find that friendship has no language barrior and trancends all generation gaps, even those that span 10,000 years. Dave and Stoney teach the caveman some words, dances, how to dress but in the end it is the present time suburbian Encino duo that learn a valuable lesson about friendship.

Zany scenes at Encino High and new discoveries to the caveman will hold your interest and leave you wondering what Link will do next. Stoney takes Link to Mega Mountain and the park will never be the same! Link is also introduced to a slurpee machine for the first time, and the results are extremely comical. The comedy hits it's peak when Link tries his hand at hip-hop dancing, when he busts a move to "Leave Amy Curl Alone," the hip-hop rap by Hi-C.

Up-to-date music is used throughout the movie adding to the positive feeling Link gives off through the entire film. Right Said Fred's "I'm Too Sexy" is the perfect song for the scene in the beginning of the movie when Dave and Stoney are cleaning the caveman up. For the heavy metal fans in the audience, "Let's Get Rocked," the new release from Def Leppard is also an uplifting choice.

The plot of the film is very basic as the two high school losers feel they will gain popularity through Link, introducing him to the "in-crowd." But the only one who gains any popularity is the caveman, as the plan backfires. Conflict arises when Dave is upset that his love interest Robyn falls for Link. Cool heads prevail as Stoney makes Dave realize he was only using the cave dude to try and gain self confidence. Rated PG, although unrealistic at times, *Encino Man* is a good choice.

Madwoman: Brilliantly mad

By TAMARA CHRISTIAN
Entertainment Editor

The Madwoman of Chaillot was brilliantly insightful and funny, but the belle of the ball was definitely Linda Porter— the madwoman.

Porter's English accent for the role was unconditional, for Porter is originally from London.

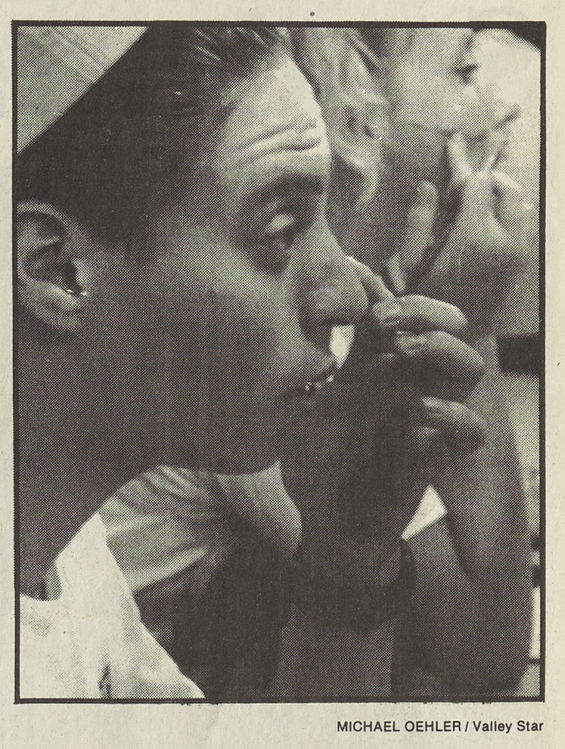
Her mannerisms and her dramatically aristocratic accent brought the madwoman, Countess Aurelia, to life. "I'm enjoying playing the Countess; it's very stimulating," said Porter. "I enjoy her nuttiness and irrational logic."

Porter's children, Chloe, age 10, and Fleur, age 7, were cast as flower girls for practical reasons, but regardless, Chloe and Fleur gave the play some measure of innocence. "Seeing them on stage gives me a surge of pleasure," said Porter. "It's sweet."

"It's a fantastic cast," Porter explained. "The meld of all the ingredients in the pie is what makes it delicious."

Deliciously appetizing it was. In Act 1, "The Cafe Terrace of Chez Francis" scene had it all: comedy, romance and corruption. The little man, played by Joseph Milton, was adorably humorous, with his dramatic facial expressions.

Romantically musical, the street singer, performed by Gary Getz, added a special nuance to the production. Although when the prospector (Vincent C. Garma), the president (Todd Schellbach), the baron (Marc Revivo) and the broker (Stanley Mckee) were altogether discussing a deviate financial plan, it was one confrontational orgasm, complete with moans.



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A sense of incredible wisdom wrapped up the play in a neat package during an intense monologue given by the ragpicker (Daniel Mayer) in Act 2. A small whiff of advice for the world to hear and abide by ended the play positively.

The Madwoman of Chaillot can be seen Thursday thru Saturday each evening at 8 p.m.

Conflict comes to campus

By CHRISTOPHER D. SHARPE
View Editor

The Battle of the Bands, sponsored by the Associated Student Union (ASU) and the Broadcasting Club of Valley College, will be waged in Monarch Hall Friday, May 29, between 1 and 6 p.m. Cost of entry is set at $3.

The conflict will engage five Valley affiliated bands: Bad Seed, Evilution, Luv Buzz, Paradise Lost, and the Monas. The campaign will be "small, not anything crazy or wild," said Broadcasting President Allison Bratcher.

While not competing for material spoils, the bands will be fighting for bragging rights at Vallley. "It's the *Battle of the Bands*," said Bratcher, "but it's just for fun."

"I want it to be big and I want it to go real well. It's the second time we've done this," continued Bratcher. "The first time, I wouldn't say we failed, but we didn't come across as well. We just didn't take proper procedures prior to setting up for it."

"I want the Broadcasting Club to be bigger on campus," said Bratcher. "I want people to know more about broadcasting because, as of now, people don't really know who we are."

"We're an active club as well as being a class," continued Bratcher, a second semester sophomore at Valley. Bratcher is planning to transfer to San Francisco State University in Spring '93. "We're trying to get back in the mainstream."

Broadcasting Club meets every Tuesday, 12 noon, at KVCM TV and Radio studio, Humanities building.

KVCM broadcasts with 10 watts, limiting reception to the Monarch Square area. KVCM radio broadcasts "a variety of music because there's a variety of students who take the class," said Bratcher.

Organized in the vein of a professional radio station, KVCM is managed by Fabiola Torres, who runs two public service announcements (PSA), concerning college and community activities, an hour.

This semester, Broadcasting Club has taken part in Earth Day, the Health Fair Expo and has supplied broadcasting needs for activities sponsored by other ASU clubs at Valley.

"You don't have to be a broadcasting major or take a class to be in the club," said Bratcher. "It's different from any other club and it's a lot of fun."

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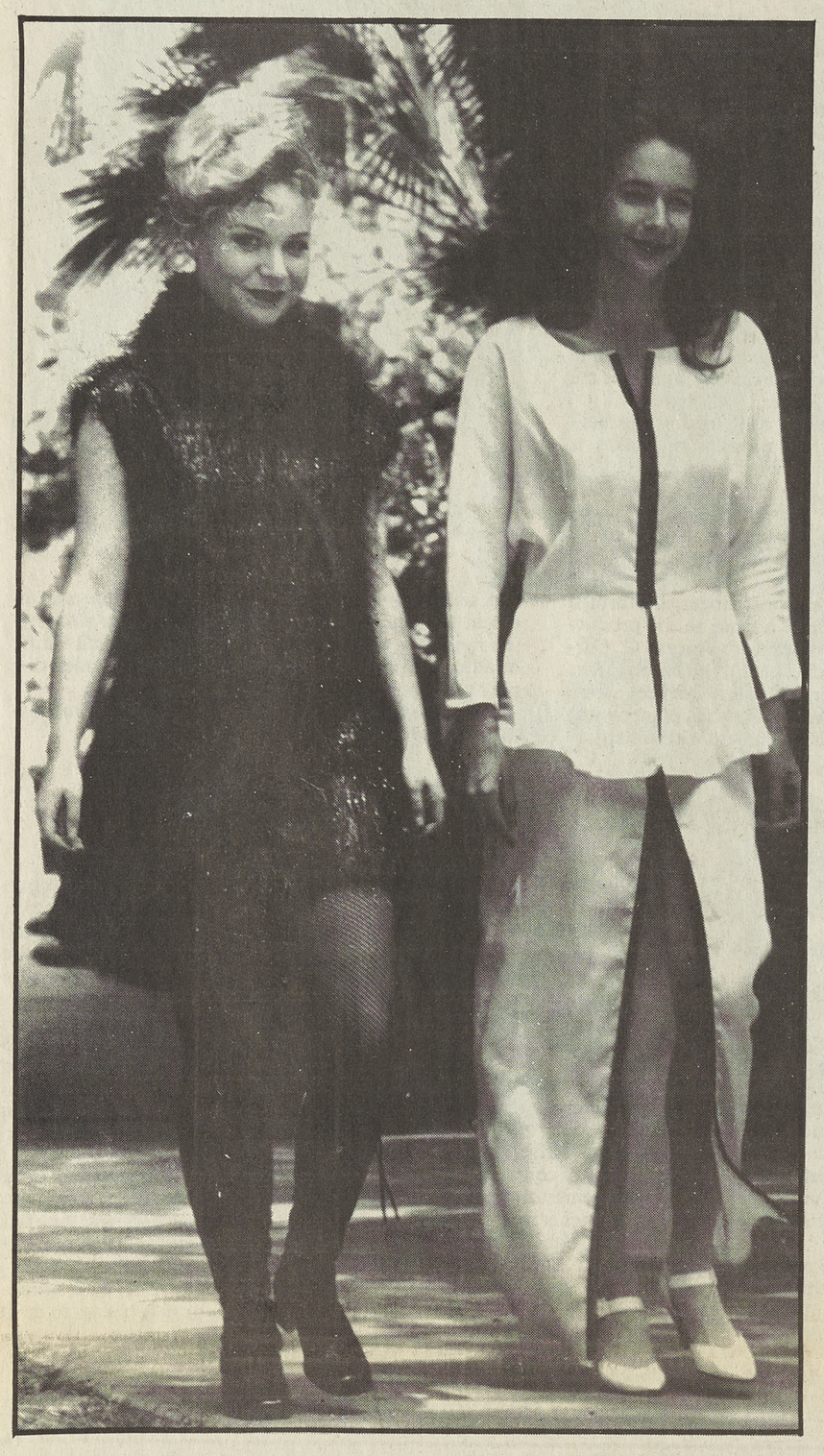

Today's fashions, designed by Family and Consumer Studies students were shown last Friday at the Springtime Fashion Luncheon in the Math/Science Patio and Garden. LAVC and John Robert Powers Development Center students modeled a variety of styles from bridal gowns to casual wear.

Design Associates offered two seatings for lunch at $5-a-plate for vegetarian lasagna. Proceeds from the event will go towards Design Associates scholarships. Faculty advisor for Design Associates is Doris M. Davis. The commentator for the fashion show was Wendy Vogt.

Photos by Uzi Ashkenazi

Final Examination Schedule Spring semester 1992

Thursday, June 4, to Friday, June 12, 1992

Except for classes of less-than-semester length,
THE LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION FOR ALL DAY AND EVENING CLASSES is Wednesday, June 3, 1992.

Classes which meet only one day per week will have their final exam at the first regular class meeting after June 3.

Classes of less than semester length will have their final exam at the last class meeting.

All evening classes (4 p.m. and later) will have their final exam as follows:

Monday classes:	June 8	Wednesday classes:	June 10
Tuesday classes:	June 9	Thursday classes:	June 4

Final examinations **MUST be held on the DAY AND TIME SCHEDULED** in regularly assigned classrooms and should not exceed two hours in duration.

The date of the final exam is determined by the first day and first hour a class meets.

To use the schedule below, locate the day and hour of your class on the grid. In case of problems or conflicts, see the instructor.

Final Exam Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8-10 am				June 4 9&9:30 am T or Th	June 5 9&9:30 am M,W, or F	June6 All Saturday classes
10:30-am 12:30 pm				11 & 11:30 am T or Th	12 & 12:30 pm M,W, or F	
1-3 pm				1 & 1:30 pm T or Th	3 & 3:30 pm M,W or F	
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1-3 pm	2 & 2:30 pm M,W or F	2 & 2:30 pm T or Th	1 & 1:30 pm M, W or F	3 & 3:30 pm T or Th		

In Memorium

GEORGE JAFFRAY
Age 88

George Jaffray, professor of mathematics, taught at Valley College. He brought the 1620 IBM to the campus, proposed a vocational education plan, was involved in the computerization of the Catalog and Registration Process and worked with the Handicapped Program for about two years. At the time of his death, Jaffray was in the process of forming Vocational, Testing and Counseling Systems, a non-profit corporation which would assist college students in making educational choices.

MELVIN CARRAWAY
Age 25

Mel Carraway previously attended Valley College and is the son of Cassandra Carraway, Ed.D. Professor of Nursing and Health Education at LAVC. The following is letter written by professor Carraway to and about her son.

Sons are a special gift, a joy and a definite challange to mothers.

My boy, my son Mel was a giver not a taker. He was a person that put a smile on your face. I often said to him, "Mel, you are just like me. You will grow up when you are in your 40s just like I did."

So what if he saw humor and fun in every situation. He wanted everyone to laugh, have a great time and get along. Is this so wrong? In today's faster-forward world we sometimes dwell in yesterday and worry about tomorrow. Mel would say, "Take a 'chill pill' let's just get along and enjoy the moment."

Let me tell you about the "chill pills." Whenever I was upset or worried about Mel he would say, "Oh mom, just take a chill pill."

One day when he was home and very upset about something, I brought over a glass jar filled with jellybeans labeled "chill pills." When Mel saw the jar and the jellybeans he laughed. We laughed together.

Well my son, my baby, now you are in "Magic Mountain heaven" laughing and having fun. Now you are free of the responsibilities that make frowns on faces.

As I sit here and look at your pictures in the family photo album, I cry and laugh, and cry, and cry some more. I still have you and will always have you in my heart, soul and memories but I wanted more "chill pill" days with you. I wanted to grow up and be like you, free of spirit, loving, caring and giving.

So now it is your responsibility to keep me sane and centered Mel. I am looking for your help. Please send me a "chill pill" every day so I can refocus my life and look at the happiness of the moment.

Letter to the editor

Human unity needed

Dear Editor,

The article written by Lance La Cour in the May 21, 1992 issue of the *Valley Star* was a very racially devisive "piece of" journalism.

At a time when the city and its people are attempting to rebuild (burned-out structures as well as lives) Lance La Cour decides to unleash his completely racially biased view of what happened during the Los Angeles riots in the school paper.

How dare you, Lance La Cour, contrast what happened to two human beings just because one was a black motorist (Rodney King) and the other was a white motorist (Reginald Denny).

What was done to these two men (regardless of their race, ethnicity or previous backgrounds) was absolutely wrong. I don't understand how any other human being could see anything right or justifiable in the occurence of either of these incidents. Rodney King was as much a brutalized victim as Reginald Denny was.

Many black shop owners lost millions in the riots as well as Koreans and other shop owners, therefore the riots were not completely racial. Many Korean store owners expressed this same opinion on camera after and during television coverage of the riots.

I carefully viewed the riots on television also, Mr. La Cour and I saw people of all races; white, black, Hispanic and Asian rioting and looting on camera.

If you, La Cour, want to talk about rape of the people, take African-American studies 4 and 5, where you can learn for yourself how blacks were kidnapped, raped, lynched, assaulted, degraded and murdered throughout America's country's history and are still continuing to be (in more forms than one) today.

American Indians, Native Hispanics and other minorities could also give you some information on the "rape of a people" subject.

Why didn't you devote your article to helping to bring *our* divided society together instead of perpetuating further hatred and racism. We all have to try to understand each other whether some of us want to or not.

Betty Bowman-Simmons
Continuing Student

Olmos receives top honors

Baseball Awards: Carlos Olmos, the freshman defensive wizard at shortstop heads up a list of All-Western State Conference baseball selections for LAVC. Olmos, who batted .305 in league, committed only two errors and was Valley's only First Team All-WSC selection.

Monarch catcher Kevin Walsh, and third baseman Mike Murray along with pitcher Mario Joy were three sophomores who earned Second Team honors.

Freshman speedster Arnold Settles was an Honorable Mention.

Individual team awards were handed out as the Monarch players voted Mike Murray the team Most Valuable Player. "Murray was voted MVP because he was a leader on the team and he was one of our better defensive players, " head coach Chris Johnson said. "He was good with the bat too."

Best Offensive player went to Mario Joy who led the team in hitting. Manny Fernandez took home Best Pitcher award and Carlos Olmos received Best Defensive Player honors.

—Compiled by Kevin Bolt

Team on the mold

By ANNA VILLA
Editor-in-chief

The Monarch football is on the anvil waiting to be molded into an iron force for the upcoming season. Although the team has just begun its informal spring training, Jim Fenwick, head coach, said there are aspects that are being focused on early, mainly the strengthening of the quarterback position and the rebuilding the team's offense and defense.

The team is sporting a fresh batch of defense coaches coming from all over the Valley. Tom Stevenson, outside lineback coach, and Sean Porter, Dan Hart and Steve Morrison will strengthen the Monarch's backbone.

After last season club was crippled by the loss of their starting quarterback and had to install a running back in the role, the team managed to stumble to a 5-5 record.

"We're trying to get a better quarterback situation, that's our big priority," Fenwick said. "Last season was tough since I inherited the team so late, but we're getting off to a fresh start this year."

"They'll be much faster this season," Terrance Brown, last year's leading rusher said. "Their defense is more aggressive and the new defense coordinator is letting them play ball more. They're young but they're learning the new offense and defense system the coach (Fenwick) is teaching them."

"We're all pointing towards the same direction," Fenwick said. "Our main priorities are recruiting and getting our quarterbacks and linebackers ready."

The teams foundation is already being laid, according to Fenwick, with returning players, Shane Bullock, Erick Moss, John Bottemer and Victor Hernandez.

Pierce strikes out in State Championship

By KEVIN BOLT
Assoc. Sports Editor

The magic show is over as Pierce was eliminated in the final round.

Over the past two weeks, the Pierce baseball squad had been pulling victories out of a hat after facing late inning deficits, demonstrating their flair for the dramatic.

But the Brahmas performed no extra-inning heroics Sunday and the curtain came crashing down in a 10 inning 8-7 loss to Sacramento City College, eliminating Pierce from the state junior college championship tournament at the Riverside Complex.

"All year it seemed like we've been winning these types of games," said Pierce pitcher Mike Eby. "This time they (Sacramento) came out on top."

The Brahmas finish the season 33-8-1, losing their last two games of this double elimination tournament to Sacramento. Pierce had won 11 straight before choking when it counted.

Saturday the Brahmas had defensive breakdowns against the Panthers (34-3) committing four errors, dropping an 11-inning decision 6-4 to Sacramento City College.

"We handed them the game," left fielder Josh Smaller said. "On a platter!"

Chris Brown (9-4) sufferd the loss in relief for Pierce.

Fresno City College slipped past Sacramento in the title game, 3-2, to capture the state junior college crown.

Profile:

Serpa strides to the top

By NANCY VIGRAN
Staff Writer

Through the years, Track Coach James Harvey has worked with many good athletes. Likewise, History Professor Jack Arnot has taught many outstanding students. However, it is the rare gem who can keep her grades up to par with the Dean's List and also perform well as an athlete.

"Pleasant, personable and charming" were the adjectives used by Arnot, when referring to Shelby Serpa, who is one of those gems. Serpa has not only obtained the Scholastic Athlete of the Year here at Valley, but the Wilson Scholar Athlete of the Year for the Western State Regional as well.

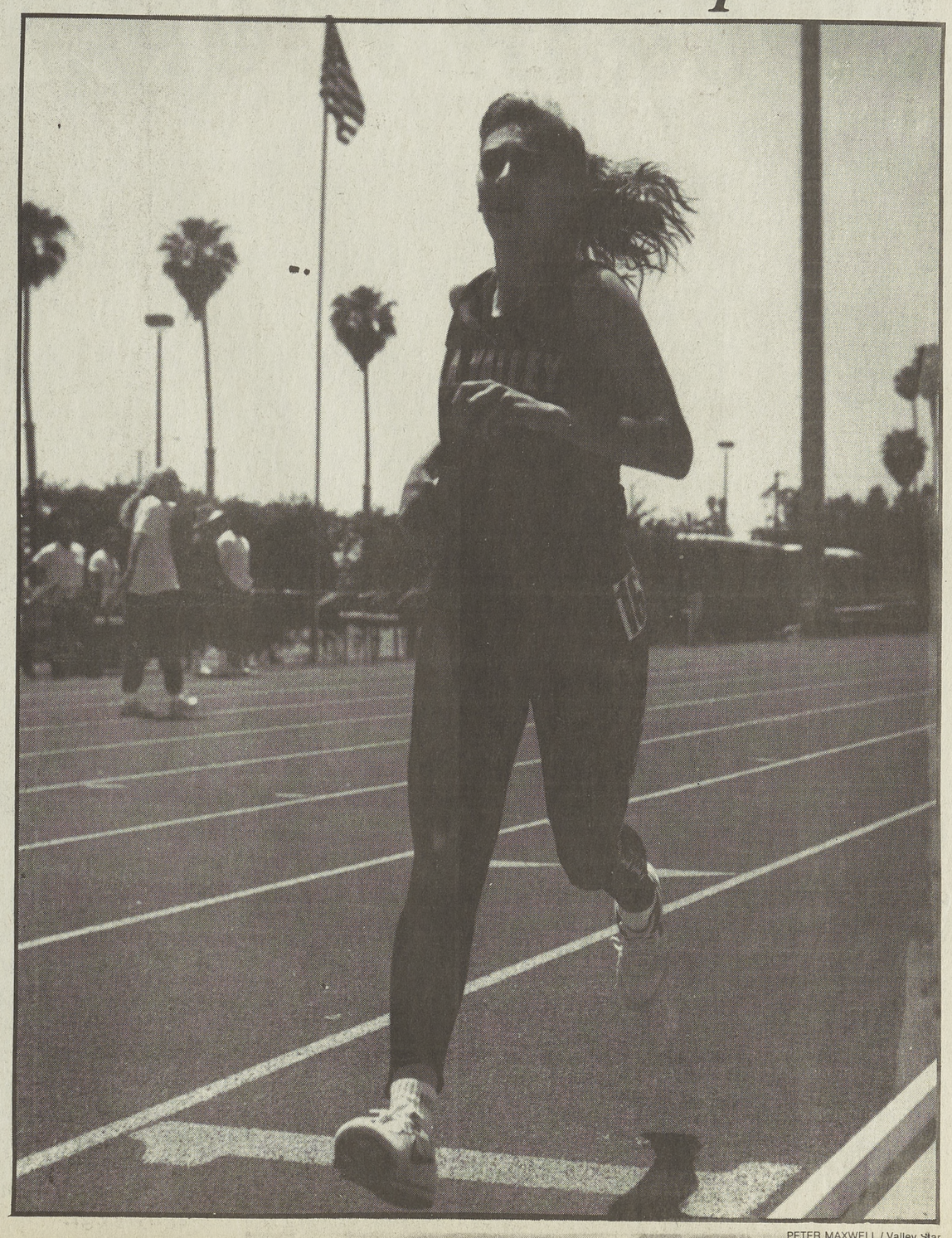
Serpa was born into an athletic family. Her parents taught a form of figure skating on roller skates, and as soon as Serpa learned to walk, she learned to skate. Serpa's brother, David, is a former LAVC baseball player and is currently with a semi-pro team in the National Baseball Association.

A former cross-country runner at North Hollywood High, Serpa came to LAVC in the spring of 1990. She ran track events and cross-country events both in 1990 and 1991 and has consistently improved on her speed.

"Shelby is what we call a no problem athlete," said Coach Harvey. "She takes care of her school stuff and takes care of her athletic stuff." In her two years at Valley, Serpa has earned a 3.78 grade point average and has achieved an 18.45-minute 5K run in cross-country and a 58-second quarter mile. The LAVC Scholar Athlete of the Year is awarded to one male and one female athlete of sophomore status each spring. The Wilson Scholar Athlete of the Year is chosen from 12 junior colleges in the Western State Conference. Students are judged on their athletic and scholastic achievements. The Scholar Atheletes of the Year, for the state, will be chosen sometime in June. Serpa is a definite contender.

Serpa will be going to UCLA in the Fall and studying to become a teacher. "I love working with kids," Serpa explained. "I've always wanted to teach, even when I was little."

There is little doubt that Serpa can follow through with her dreams. "I don't make any of the people I coach," said Harvey. "Shelby has made herself." Serpa, the pride of the 1992 LAVC athletic department, hopes to continue to compete in cross-country and track while attending UCLA.



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Stepping out— Shelby Sherpa is this year's Wilson Scholar and LAVC Scholastic Athlete of the Year.

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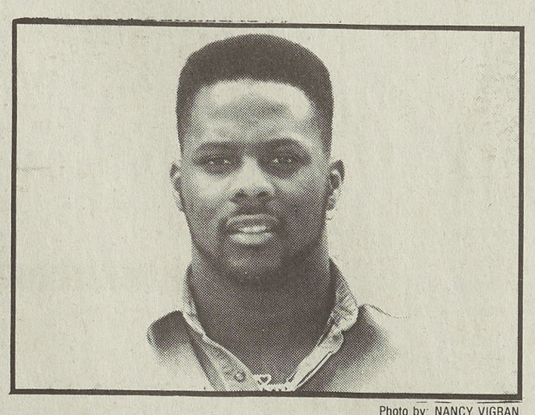
SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

SHELBY SERPA

[TRACK & WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNER]

Shelby is an LAVC sophomore from Canoga Park High School. The women's cross-country team won the Cuesta Invitational. Shelby placed 2nd overall with a time of 21:06. She has a 3.78GPA and was on the Dean's List. Shelby was also selected as a Commission of Athletics Scholar Athlete in 1990 and is 35th in the state cross-country.



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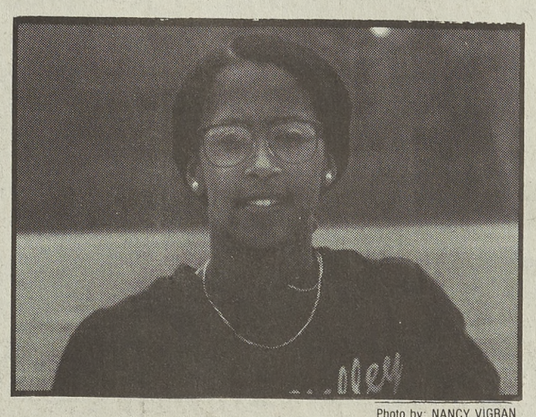
MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

TERRANCE BROWN

[FOOTBALL]

Terrance is an LAVC sophomore from West Orange, Texas. He was the unanimous choice for all conference running back & he has already accepted a Division One Football Scholarship from North Texas State. Terrance has been one of the outstanding starting tailbacks, rushing this season for 1,135 yards & is the No.5 rusher in the history of Valley College. He has been player of the week 3 times against WLA, Pierce & Santa Monica & finished the season rushing 201 yds. against Santa Monica.



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FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

SABRINA BROWN

[TRACK & FIELD]

Sabrina is an LAVC sophomore from Grant High School. At the Western States Conference Finals Sabrina won the 400 meters in 57.0. She ran one of the four legs of the 100 Relay in which the relay team won first place. In addition, Sabrina ran one of the legs of the 1600 meter relay in which the team also took first place.

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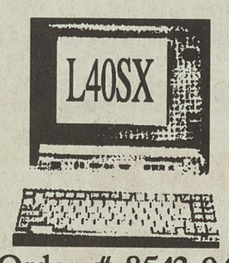

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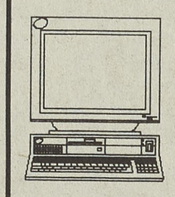

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